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Cc: Evangelista, Pat; Maddaloni, Mark; Ofrane, Rebecca
Subject: RE: Connecting to PEHSU

Hi Shirley and Flaire, Thank you for the information. Apologies for the radio silence since Friday. Maida and I were both out of office last week. I'll call in tomorrow morning. We are looking forward to hosting the USVI delegation at Sinai on Friday. - Perry

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This is the agenda for Aug 8 VI; I am sending the Aug 12 TA agenda shortly, sorry the zipfiles is not working! I will send PR shortly

**Virgin Islands Department of Health Title V MCH/CSHN Block Grant Program Technical Assistance with
Federal Partners**

Priorities, Challenges, ZIKA updates, TA needs

Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278

HRSA Regional Division/ORO Conference Room, RM 3337, 33rd Fl.

Monday August 8, 2016

Orientation/Overview: Priorities, ACA/Health Care Reform, ZIKA, Hovensa updates;

SAMSHA: Adolescent Summit: Integration Primary Care, Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse

CMS: ACA/Health Care Reform; Title V/Title XIX Interagency Agreement

EPA: Mt Sinai Pediatric Environmental Health Services Unit (PEHSU)

Toll free Conference line: Exemption 6

Agenda

Time	Topic	Federal Partners Participants
9:00AM-9:15AM	Introduction : Federal Partners and VI MCH/CSHN staff	
9:15AM-10AM	ZIKA update :Overview/ prevention, screening , public education, prenatal care/ follow up ZIKA positive mothers & their infants Resources needed: public education , testing, tracking, follow up pregnant women, infants	
10:00AM- 12:00PM	Specific TA areas of interest : CMS/ Federal Partners ACA/Health Care Reform Title V/Title XIX Interagency Agreement: Status	

	1. Medicaid Benefits , waivers and demonstration opportunities for long terms services and supports for children born with microcephaly or other serious Zika-related disabilities, including physical therapy and related services and targeted case management services. 2. Using targeted case management and other potential avenues to support home visiting services through Medicaid funding. 3. * Health Manpower shortage : primary care/specialty care for pregnant women, children, adolescents, CSHN; dental access 4. Funding transportation off Island : high risk clients(pregnant women, infants/children 5. ZIKA resources: public education , testing, tracking, follow up pregnant women, infants 6. Lack adequate data resources	
	2. Funding sources for equipment : physical therapy and related services, electronic health record, telemedicine services, and other diagnostic services such as RET-cams for ophthalmological evaluations of Zika-related disabilities.	
	3. Environmental issues a. Hovensa updates: childhood Lead Screening, Asthma, b. Impact of Pesticide/spraying on pregnant women/infants * Mt Sinai Pediatric Environmental Health Services Unit (PEHSU) Training /treatment opportunities	EPA/ Mt Sinai Pediatric Environmental Health Sciences Unit/PESCHU
12:00PM- 1:00 PM	Lunch : own your own	Cafeteria
1:00pm-2;00PM	Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Behavioral Health : OPOIDS/ MH/BH/SA Adolescent Summit: Integration Primary Care, Mental Health, Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse	Dennis Romero, Regional Administrator Conference call
2:00pm-3:00pm	HRSA programs: Update Issues, Bureau Health Manpower * Health Manpower shortage: primary care/specialty care for pregnant women, children, adolescents, CSHN; dental access	BHW, Anne Venner , Wesley Tahsir-Rodriguez,
3;00-4:00 pm	MIECHV Home Visiting	Jamie Weng
4:00PM-4:30PM	Summary: Action Plan, Next Steps	
	Wrap up	

Federal Partners: Please confirm participation

- Region II HHS Regional Director: **Jackie Cornell-Bechelli**
- Region II Executive Officer : **Dennis E. González**
- Region II Regional Health Administrator : **April Smith-Hirak,**
- MCHB Division of State and Community Health (DSCH), **Michele Lawler, Director,**

- Regional Administrator, HRSA/ORO; **Ronald Moss**
- Deputy Regional Health Administrator : **Cheryl Donald** ,
- Centers for Medicaid /Medicare : **Michael Melendez, Ricardo Holligan, Nicole McKnight**
- Centers for Medicaid/Medicare: **Dr. Nilsa S Gutierrez**,
- Administration Children and Family: **Joyce Thomas, Regional Administrator**
- Environmental Protection Agency: **Mark Maddaloni** (Maddaloni.Mark@epa.gov)
- Substance Abuse Mental Health Addiction: **Dennis Romero**
- OMH,OWH, Office of Family Planning (TBA)

See list: PR, and VI Participants

Please confirm your availability to participate in these important TA opportunities

Best wishes

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Best wishes,

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Subject: FW: Connecting to PEHSU

Late this week, I received an invitation to an event that is occurring next week. Shirley Smith has asked that I invite you to attend, particularly on the days that the VI and PR discussed, August 8 and August 12. The panel days in the table below are ones in which block grants will be addressed. You, or someone from your staff are welcome to attend those as well, but you may be more interested in the conferences on August 8 and 12.

If you plan on attending, you can send Shirley an e-mail at the address below and given the short notice, Shirley has given us her phone number to enable you or someone on your staff to call on Monday (for the VI) and/or Friday (for the PR).

As to the VI, this should provide a unique opportunity because of the five VI Dept of Health managers who will be attending all but one is a recently appointed manager. In addition, Michelle Davis, the new territorial Commissioner of Health may be participating by phone. As to PR, members of its Dept of Health and the 2 MCH Directors and their staff will be attendance on the Friday the 12th.

Because of technical difficulties, I will be forwarding the Agendas in a separate e-mail.

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Subject: RE: Connecting to PESHU

Hello Everyone, thank you so much for your interest and response to my inquiry re contacting PESHU Unit who have provided TA/training to VI and PR Title V MCHBG programs!

WE have new staff in VI and PR has major issues related to ZIKA , and VI on a smaller scale!

The Region II State MCH/CSHN directors and staff will be meeting (216 Federal Plaza, 33rd floor, RM 3337) for discussions with expert panel reviewers focusing on the 2017 MCH/CSHN Application /2015 Annual Report, highlighting strengths, best practice, model programs, gaps and weaknesses,. The expert review panel provides recommendations for TA or further training or collaboration with other agencies to improve program performance and health outcomes. My colleague Mark Maddaloni EPA Region II attended the Region II Block grant reviews and identified common interests in promoting healthier outcomes for children

VI and PR were identified for high level TA/Training , and EPA has worked with other DHHS/HRSA programs , and introduced the MT Sinai PESHU Unit, a wonderful resource and collaborative partner

MCHB Panel Reviews:

Date/Time

State

Tuesday, August 9th 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	VI
Wednesday, August 10th 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	NJ
Thursday, August 11th 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	PR

This year we are offering two TA days for VI Aug 8 and PR Aug 12

Attached are documents for VI: Agenda /participants for Aug 8 TA Federal Partners., and Aug 9 VI BG Panel review agenda, and similar documents for PR

MT Sinai PESHU Unit

Please reach out to MT Sinai PESHU Unit and EPA colleagues are welcome to attend as we work together to improve children health and environment in US VI !

Best wishes,

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